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FOLLOW BEGINNING AFTER WORDS QUOTE THE MIDDLE EAST UNQUOTE.

DR. KISSINGER WILL NOT GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO PLEAD WITH THE
PARTIES TO MOVE INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

BUT THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL THE OTHER PARTIES
DIRECTLY INVOLVED, KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED
TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE PAST YEAR WOULD NOT HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT DR. KISSINGER FUNCTIONING AS A BROKER BE-
TWEEN THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS, THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL EM-
PHASIZED.

SECRETARY KISSINGER IS STILL WILLING TO CONTINUE IN THAT
ROLE.

HOWEVER, IF HE FINDS THAT THE MEANING OF RABAT IS TOTALLY
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UNFULFILLABLE CONDITIONS THAT WILL PRODUCE A STATEMENT, HE WILL NOT RPT NOT EXHORT THE ARABS.

THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL MADE IT ADAMANTLY CLEAR THAT DR. KISSINGER WILL NOT PLEAD WITH THE ARABS TO NEGOTIATE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) EXPECT ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COME AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS BRIEF TRIP ON THE NEXT PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE WANTS TO GET AN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT THE NEXT PHASE WOULD BE LIKE.

THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL MADE THESE OTHER POINTS: --

-- ANY PARTY IN THE MIDDLE EAST WANTING TO GET A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT HAS TO DEAL THROUGH THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT BOTH SIDES CAN TALK TO. THERE WAS A STALEMATE UNTIL DR. KISSINGER BEGAN HIS MIDDLEMAN'S ROLE. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE ANOTHER STALEMATE UNTIL THE UNITED STATES MOVES AGAIN.

-- THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT RPT NOT THROUGH ITSELF INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NOW BEFORE CAREFUL THOUGHT.

-- A RETURN OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE CONFERENCE AT THIS POINT WOULD PRODUCE A STALEMATE. BUT IT IS PERHAPS INEVITABLE THAT THE PEACE CONFERENCE AT GENEVA WILL RESUME BY MID-MARCH. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. ITEM/KOENIG.
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